

~~(G) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT WILL RESERVE 25 PERCENT OF THE AVAILABLE LAND FOR LEASING INSIDE OF AQUACULTURE ENTERPRISE ZONES TO APPLICANTS THAT CAN DEMONSTRATE BOTH HISTORICAL PARTICIPATION IN THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY AND ADVERSE IMPACT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE PUBLIC FISHERY. IN DEVELOPING THESE REGULATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH THE AQUACULTURE POLICY COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN § 10-1302 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE.~~

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The Department may set aside for each tidewater public high school no more than 5 acres of submerged barren tidewater lands to be used for the sole purpose of experimental oyster farming or for the cultivation of other shellfish in conjunction with regular scholastic conservation studies. These areas shall be set aside pursuant to the procedures established in § 4-1103 and marked in the manner provided in [§ 4-1113] § 4-11A-10 of this subtitle. These high schools may introduce and use modern methods of planting, harvesting, or marketing fishery products without regard to the restrictive provisions of this subtitle. If a subject school does not use a barren bottom for its studies for three years or if studies are discontinued, the submerged lands shall revert to the State.

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(a) (1) The Department may lease, in the name of the State, tracts or parcels of land beneath the waters of the State to residents of the State for protecting, sowing, bedding, or cultivating oysters or other shellfish, subject to the provisions of this section. These submerged lands when leased shall be known as leased oyster bottoms.

(2) (i) ~~Except as provided in this paragraph, a~~ corporation or joint stock company may ~~not~~ lease or acquire by assignment or otherwise any submerged land of the State for the purposes of this section.

(ii) A 4-H club in the State may lease or acquire not more than 10 acres of submerged land for the purposes of this section.

(iii) ~~1.~~ An incorporated college or university within the State having an enrollment of at least 700 undergraduate, degree-seeking students may acquire, by assignment, gift, or bequest, submerged land for education and research purposes only.

~~2.~~ An incorporated college or university may not transfer or attempt to transfer any interest